



The Mount Vernon Memorial Highway is significant as the first parkway constructed and maintained by the U.S. Government and as the first such road with a commemorative function explicit in its name and alignment. Its distinctive stone-faced arch bridges, concrete slab base, beveled curbing, and landscape plantings mark its special quality.

Planning for a highway “of noble proportions” linking Washington, D.C., with the national shrine of Mount Vernon began in 1887-88 with the formation of the Mount Vernon Avenue Association, chartered by the Commonwealth of Virginia. The highway serves as the major access to a number of scenic and recreational features along its route.

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